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Haiti – Storms

Fact Sheet #7, Fiscal Year (FY) 2008

September 17, 2008

Note: The last fact sheet was dated September 16, 2008.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- In order to augment logistical capacity for delivery of humanitarian aid to affected areas, USAID/OFDA is committing \$2 million to the U.N. World Food Program (WFP). USAID/OFDA has also committed \$750,000 to non-governmental organization (NGO) partner World Vision to support the distribution of emergency relief supplies and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities.
- In response to recent storms, the U.S. Government (USG) is providing nearly \$30 million in humanitarian assistance to affected populations in Haiti.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
Total Affected Population	850,000	GOH ¹ – September 15, 2008
Dead	423	OCHA ² – September 15, 2008
Missing	50	GOH – September 11, 2008
IDPs³	151,072	GOH – September 10, 2008
IDPs in Shelters	111,391	OCHA – September 15, 2008
Other Damage	10,842 houses destroyed, 35,125 houses damaged	GOH – September 11, 2008

FY 2008 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING TO DATE FOR HAITI HURRICANES IN 2008

USAID/OFDA Assistance ⁴	\$9,800,000
USAID/FFP ⁵ Assistance ⁶	\$14,000,000
USAID/Haiti Assistance	\$5,000,000
DOD ⁷ Assistance	\$821,000
DHS ⁸ Assistance	Amount Forthcoming
Total USG Humanitarian Assistance to Haiti for Hurricanes in 2008	\$29,621,000

CURRENT SITUATION

- On September 16, USAID/Haiti and USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) staff attended a meeting comprising the GOH Ministry of Public Works, Transportation, and Communication (TPTC), the European Union, U.N. Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), and members of the U.S. Military. The TPTC presented a list of 47 priority infrastructure needs countrywide, and noted that the damage to bridges and roads exceeds the damage sustained as a result of Hurricane Jeanne in 2004. According to the GOH, an estimated \$90 million will be required to repair damaged bridges and infrastructure.

Access

- On September 17, USAID/DART staff report that USS Kearsarge helicopters conducted overflights of several areas in South East Department in recent days to identify possible landing sites for future deliveries of relief supplies to isolated communities. U.S. Navy teams report identifying possible sites in Cote de Fer, Bainet, and Belle Anse in the southern peninsula. Helicopter missions to the areas would significantly improve humanitarian access and allow the prompt delivery of critically needed WASH supplies as well as food and additional relief commodities.

¹ Government of Haiti (GOH)

² U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

³ Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

⁴ This amount includes actual assistance provided and funds allocated for forthcoming assistance as of September 17, 2008.

⁵ USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

⁶ This amount does not include previous USAID/FFP contributions in response to other emergencies in FY 2008.

⁷ U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)

⁸ U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- DOD has embedded engineers within the TPTC to provide technical advice and conduct research in order to clarify TPTC-identified infrastructure needs.
- Due to damage to the road to Ennery in Artibonite Department, MINUSTAH cannot install a temporary bailey bridge as previously planned. MINUSTAH is presently examining possible work on the Chalon bridge near Miragoane in Nippes Department.
- The Inter-American Development Bank has offered \$245,000 to \$500,000 for infrastructure repair pending a formal request from the GOH.

Health

- A USAID/DART WASH specialist and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) health experts are planning to travel to Gonaïves in the coming days to meet with local health officials and identify possible ways to improve the local laboratory capacity to enable diagnosis of epidemic-prone post-disaster diseases.
- CDC reports that a U.N. World Health Organization medical kit to assist 10,000 beneficiaries for one month has arrived in Northwest Department. Additional kits are scheduled to arrive in North and Artibonite Departments in the coming days.

Logistics and Relief Supplies

- On September 13, a Canadian vessel departed Port au Prince, carrying an estimated 36 metric tons (MT) of emergency food and relief commodities for residents in Tiburon, South Department.
- On September 16, helicopters and smaller vessels associated with the USS Kearsarge delivered 70 MT of emergency relief supplies and 700 ten-liter filled water containers to Gonaïves on seven missions.
- USAID/OFDA is committing \$2 million to WFP to augment logistical capacity for delivery of humanitarian aid to affected areas.
- USAID/OFDA has committed more than \$300,000 to NGO partner World Vision to support the distribution of emergency relief supplies, benefiting an estimated 13,000 people.

WASH

- On September 16, participants at a WASH cluster meeting reported increased capacity to provide safe drinking water in Gonaïves following multiple donor, U.N., and relief organization interventions.
- The U.N. Development Program is coordinating with the GOH National Service for Potable Water to conduct a countrywide survey of water systems and anticipates receiving preliminary information on approximately 80 percent of the country within a week.
- Since September 8, USS Kearsarge assets have generated and delivered safe drinking water in 9,920 ten-liter water containers to Gonaïves.
- USAID/OFDA has committed more than \$400,000 to NGO partner World Vision to support WASH activities, benefiting more than 56,000 people.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE SUMMARY

Haiti

- On September 2, U.S. Ambassador Janet A. Sanderson issued a disaster declaration in response to Hurricane Gustav and resulting flooding throughout Haiti. In total, the USAID/DART is working to program nearly \$10 million in funding from USAID/OFDA for programs to assist disaster-affected populations in Haiti.
- On September 4, a USAID/OFDA-chartered aircraft arrived in Port au Prince, delivering USAID/OFDA emergency relief supplies including 5,088 hygiene kits, 10,800 ten-liter water containers, and 500 rolls of plastic sheeting. Worth nearly \$335,000 including transport, the supplies were transported to affected areas with assistance from the U.S. Coast Guard and implementing partner International Organization for Migration (IOM). On September 11, a second USAID/OFDA-chartered aircraft arrived with 10,200 ten-liter water containers, 5,088 hygiene kits, 700 rolls of plastic sheeting, and 2 water bladders, valued at more than \$410,000, including transport. This airlift will benefit more than 5,000 families and provide shelter support for temporary facilities such as child-friendly spaces.
- USAID/OFDA is providing \$500,000 to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in response to PAHO's appeal for funding to support health activities for individuals affected by Hurricane Gustav and Tropical Storm Hanna. This funding will assist 10,000 people.
- USAID/OFDA is committing \$2 million to WFP to augment logistical capacity for delivery of humanitarian aid to affected areas.
- USAID/OFDA has also committed \$750,000 to NGO partner World Vision to support the distribution of emergency relief supplies and WASH activities, benefiting nearly 70,000 people.
- USAID/OFDA is also providing more than \$1.5 million to IOM. This assistance will support shelter and settlements projects as well as humanitarian coordination activities.

- USAID/OFDA is providing \$500,000 in funding to the American Red Cross for emergency relief supplies and logistical support. Programs supported by this funding will benefit 12,000 people in Haiti's Artibonite, Grand Anse, and South East departments.
- On September 7, USAID/OFDA authorized the deployment of a three-person Americas Support Team to Haiti to supplement the UNDAC team based in Gonaïves.
- USAID/Haiti is working to re-direct \$5 million in funds toward food and other assistance to meet critical needs related to the growing humanitarian crisis.
- USAID/FFP is providing an additional \$7 million in response to the U.N. flash appeal. The contribution will enable WFP and private volunteer organization (PVO) partners to respond to relief and recovery food aid needs in Haiti. To date, USAID/FFP has contributed a total of \$14 million for the U.N. flash appeal.
- DOD has provided support worth \$821,000 in response to a USAID request for helicopter transport.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN 2008

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
American Red Cross	Logistics, Emergency Relief Supplies	Artibonite, Grand Anse, and South East Departments	\$500,000
IOM	Shelter and Settlements, Coordination	Affected Areas	\$1,506,008
OCHA	Logistics	Affected Areas	\$69,996
PAHO	Health	Affected Areas	\$500,000
USAID/Haiti	Emergency Relief Supplies	Affected Areas	\$150,000
	Emergency Relief Activities ²	Affected Areas	\$3,530,882
USAID/Haiti	Emergency Relief Supplies, Including Transportation	Affected Areas	\$749,015
WFP	Logistics	Affected Areas	\$2,000,000
World Vision	Logistics, WASH	Affected Areas	\$750,000
	Administrative Support		\$44,099
TOTAL USAID/OFDA HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$9,800,000
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
WFP and PVOs	P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Affected Areas	\$14,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$14,000,000
USAID/HAITI ASSISTANCE³			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$5,000,000
TOTAL USAID/HAITI HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$5,000,000
DOD ASSISTANCE⁴			
	Emergency Relief Activities	Affected Areas	\$821,000
TOTAL DOD HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$821,000
DHS ASSISTANCE			
	Transportation and Logistics	Affected Areas	FORTHCOMING
TOTAL DHS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI IN FY 2008			\$0
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO HAITI FOR HURRICANES IN FY 2008			\$29,621,000

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 17, 2008.

² Additional funding pledged by USAID/OFDA.

³ Funding reprogrammed from development to humanitarian relief activities.

⁴ Funding approved for humanitarian relief activities in Haiti.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Latin America and the Caribbean may be available at www.reliefweb.int.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID: www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int